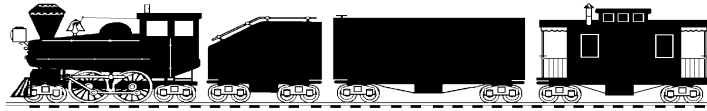


*Communiqué*  
*La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



March 2018 - Grand Chef de Gare David Voyles - L'Editeur Grant Willis



**The Grand Chef**

Fellow Voyageurs,

**WHERE IS OUR  
 ORGANIZATION HEADED**

In February at the Spring Conference in Jeff City, the Finance Commission made recommendations to the leaders of the Department of Missouri. These recommendations will be presented at the State Convention for their blessing. These recommendations were not easy to make but they are necessary if we want to secure our future for the Department of the American Legion. These recommendations if approved, will give the Department some time to fix our issues that affect our Organization. We all know that membership has been an issue for many years. Until we come up with a solution that will bring in the younger members, our future for the Department of Missouri looks grim.

These same issues are also affecting the Forty and Eight membership. During my travels at Post level and to Voiture level I have found that both groups are working very hard in helping Veterans and their families. You also will find that these groups

have a good relationship with their community. As the Grand Chef de Gare I will be writing letters to all Voyageurs who have not yet joined our organization. In my letter I will let them know how important they are to their Voiture and their Grande. Will it make a difference, I hope so. The Grande wants to let our members know that we appreciate them for their support of this great organization. We both know that our Posts and Voiture's are the Foundation of our two groups. It is important that the Department and the Grande work together in solving our issue in recruiting younger Veterans.

Grand Chef de Gare  
 David N. Voyles

**Grand Fundraiser Event**

The next Grand function will be the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck, March 23rd thru 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield, MO. Our Grande Fund Raiser Project this year is a Model Car Show and Races again. The entry fee is \$50.00. Non entry will be a \$50.00 penalty. The Car is very easy to

assemble, just 2 pins and the rest snaps together. If you need a car contact Leon Hill who may have a couple of cars left (636-397-2850)

Rules:

1. Each Entry will have a driver (Voyageur) dressed in Driver Apparel.
2. The Driver will take the Car around to the Voyageurs and Guest in attendance at the Spring Cheminot and Wreck Banquet accepting donations.
3. Each Entry will be entered in Race Heats to determine the fastest Car. The winner of each Heat will be entered into the final Race heat.
4. \$2.00 Bets will be taken for each Race Heat. The Bets will be taken prior to the beginning of each Race Heat. (like a Horse Race)
5. Each Car will be judged on Looks, Driver Apparel, Speed and Money Collected.

All Rule questions will be decided by the Grand Chef de Gare.

Please plan to attend this event.

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The articles for the next newsletter will be due by February 28th  
Carville Star

Correction to the yearbook:

**Terry McDonald, 404 S. Greenwood Ave**

We all need to start looking at putting our information together for the submittal of our year end reports. This includes the Locale and Grand Directeur's.

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## Membership

We are up from last month with 83.43% just a 142 from meeting our goal for the year. We have 3 Voiture's at 100% and several not far from being there. Just need 5 more Box Cars to complete our Train.

March is our Spring Wreck let's make it a good one and fill it with a lot of new PG's. Let's make this happen and keep up the good work. Let's fill a Bus full of PG's.

Please let Robert Emery know how many PG's are coming so we can make plans for a successful Spring Wreck.

Thanks for all you do.

Grand Chef de Train

Calvin Bumgarner

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## Conducteur

I am getting things organized for the Spring Wreck and need to have a count of PG's that will be wrecked. If you are bringing PG's to the Spring Wreck please provide the number and their names and sponsor to the email address below: [remery18@comcast.net](mailto:remery18@comcast.net)  
If you have any stunts to be used during the WRECK please let me know you are going to bring it.

We will also need some help getting the PG's ready for the WRECK.

If you can help out please let me know.

Thank you,

Robert Emery

816.585.2098

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## NURSES TRAINING

Greeting Voyageurs,

Here is a yearly wrap up of how well all the Voiture's did this year and is very impressive, We had 64 nurses in training and 14 Graduated and \$55,078.62 dollars spent and add to that 1 Boland Trust Fund Scholarship awarded by Nationale for \$1000 dollar. In addition to that I attended the 98<sup>th</sup> Nationale Promenade which was held in Bossier City, Louisiana and had a great time representing the Grande.

Now is also the time to get out to your local schools and advertise our program in hopes of getting some students thinking about the nursing profession, both undergraduate and advanced degrees. Let them know about the program in your Locale Voiture or National Scholarship programs.

I do need payment for Nurses Training Pins to be square with Nationale, the following Voiture's owe for pins; Voiture 3, Voiture 130 and Voiture 460. Get in touch with me and I will let you know the amount if you have forgotten.

As always if you have any questions About Nurses Training or Boland Trust fund or what to do if you have a nurse needing funds but Voiture in your area doesn't have the money to help them please let me know geographic boundaries should not keep them from getting help and maybe we can work it out. Call me at 314-607-1433 or email me at [kc0wdb@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0wdb@yahoo.com)

James Hartley



Grand Directeur of Nurses Training du Missouri

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## YOUTH SPORTS



The purpose of the committee is to assist Youth Sports in amateur sports programs for youth of the ages 7 through 20 years of age.

Grande du Missouri Youth Sports

Update-

Note: Missouri 40 & 8 Voyageur will be at National Games

What if our Newsletter had youth sports from communities in Missouri



and from teams get cheers and congratulations from Grande du Missouri? What if area



**Special Olympics**

Missouri Team gets recognition in the Newsletter because this team is going to National Games. ? WHY NOT let us know what is happening in your home town.

What if Grande du Missouri was to sponsor a Special Olympics Missouri Team member, or a local youth sports youth whose family needs cannot afford this completion for their child? What if there is an American Legion baseball youth player out there in Missouri who also needs financial assistance? Can we think about helping somehow?

Thank you for your thoughts in this upcoming Grande du Missouri Newsletter.  
Ann Roberts, Youth Sports Director

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## CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE

The Central States Promenade is being hosted by the Grand du Missouri this year. The dates will be May 3 through 6 and will be held at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield Missouri. Previous copies of the registration form were sent out in the Grand newsletter. We are hoping that we will have support of the Grand du Missouri voyageurs by attend this event.

If anyone would like to donate a wrapped 3 to 5 dollar attendance gift for the ladies luncheon at our Central States Promenade to be held in May you may bring it to the Spring Wreck and Cheminot being held at the end of March (March 23-25, 2018) at the Oasis Convention center, from the Ladies Luncheon committee.

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### **January Letter from our National Public Relations Directeur**

As I stated in December this year's Public Relations report is very simple and to the point and the submittals shown in the participation report will be considered an extension of the annual PR report.

Simply put, the new report is designed to allow submittal at any time during the year! All but one question [there are only five] can be answered now] and the last question can be corrected, if need be, by a submittal to the PR Submittals Report. In short, submit your report NOW!

One item that will be considered this year is rather or not a Grande or Locale has an ACTIVE website and or Facebook page. These applications are a useful communications tool as well as a modern approach to Public Relations. The key word is ACTIVE. If the application is stagnant it provides little worth to your members and gives the impression that your organization is not active or worthy further investigation.

Go to: <http://www.fortyandeight.org/local-web-sites/http> and make sure your website is listed. If it is, click on the link and make sure it connects to your website. Then review the website and assure that it is active. I will check the listing on a regular basis for up-dates and new listings. If you have a problem with the link, contact National Headquarters at [voiturenationale@msn.com](mailto:voiturenationale@msn.com).

Locale and Grande Newsletter Editeurs make sure I am on your distribution rather it be email or snail mail. I will publish the Submittal list every month or more often. If you submitted something that is not listed, contact me immediately. Contact information is in the letterhead.

Grand Chefs, Grand Correspondants and Grand PR Directeur's check the list. If your Grand has nothing listed find out why! I know that there are no Grands that have zero communications with their Voyageurs! If you have no member in PALS in each Grand and Locale, then you are missing important help in developing both your Public Relations and Communication programs.

I invite all Voyageurs to send me their suggestions and comments on improvement of the reporting process.

Yours in service to La Société,  
**Bob "OB 1" Cearlock**  
National Directeur, Public Relations  
La Société 40 et 8

**40/8 Voiture 1541**

**Presents**

**A NITE AT THE RACES**

**All Proceeds to benefit Child  
Welfare & Nurses Training  
Programs**

**Beer – Soda - Snacks – Attendance  
Prizes**

**Saturday March 10, 2018**

**American Legion Post 312**

**2500 Raymond Drive**

**St Charles, MO 63301-4842**

**Happy Hour 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Races Begin at 7:00 pm**

**\$10.00 per person**

**For Tickets See a Member of 40/8 Voiture 1541 or**

**Send check to:**

**Leon Hill, 1011 Pegasus Circle, St. Peters, MO 63376-6049**

**(Make checks payable to Voiture 1541)**

**Welcome to bring your own snacks. Alcoholic beverages can be  
purchased at the bar.**

**Questions - Call Leon Hill (314) 406-2260**

**Tickets are also available at the door.**





**GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI**  
Grande Cheminot & Wreck



**MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> TO March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
2546 North Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-866-5253  
888-532-4338

Room Rate \$90.00 (+Tax) per night  
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel by March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

**Friday**

Registration 15:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms  
Hospitality Room 15:00 HRS until ??? in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

**Saturday**

Registration 09:00 HRS until 12:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms  
WRECK 09:00 HRS until 11:30 HRS

LUNCH 11:30 HRS until 13:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms  
13:00 HRS – WRECK Continues

Hospitality Room open after the WRECK until 17:00 HRS

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 17:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Arabian Room

Social Hour 18:00 HRS – Cash Bar/Banquet 19:00 HRS in Maui Ballroom

Hospitality Room after the Banquet

**Sunday**

Grande Cheminot 09:00 HRS – 12:00 HRS

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**Deadline to register for the Banquet is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**  
**Make your check payable to Voiture 1379 for registration**

Send to: Robert C. Emery  
16001 E 31<sup>st</sup> St S  
Independence, MO 64055-2709

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMBERSHIP

March 1, 2018

Voiture Name	Voiture	2017 YTD Total	2018 YTD Total	2017 Year End Total	% of Quota	short/over
HEART OF AMERICA	3	44	38	45	84.44%	-7
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	71	70	84	83.33%	-14
JESSE JAMES	130	32	35	35	100.00%	0
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	38	35	40	87.50%	-5
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	146	121	155	78.06%	-34
GATEWAY	448	74	72	84	85.71%	-12
CENTRAL OZARK	460	58	55	63	87.30%	-8
KICKAPOO	760	37	29	40	72.50%	-11
MARK TWAIN	966	4	4	4	100.00%	0
CAPITOL	1292	63	50	69	72.46%	-19
MINERAL AREA	1321	66	63	68	92.65%	-5
NEUF COMPT	1379	44	40	45	88.89%	-5
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	15	13	15	86.67%	-2
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Co.	1402	21	21	21	100.00%	0
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	16	12	18	66.67%	-6
TWO RIVERS	1541	65	57	71	80.28%	-14
Missouri Total		794	715	857	83.43%	-142